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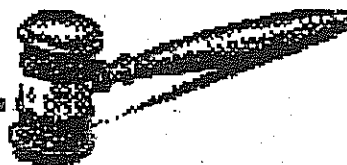
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of the Director

Fall is arriving here in Central West Virginia. The foggy mornings and cooler temperatures are sure signs, as well as the color that is beginning to show in the leaves.

It has certainly been a busy summer. We have had lots of visitors to the library and hopefully, have helped numerous folks in their search for their ancestors.

We have been very busy as well with our transcription of records. As promised last time we have now published and have available for sale "Lewis County Death Records, Volume VI (1955-1961)". This has been a tremendous work and we are very pleased with the results. You may order the volume from our website or by check. A complete description and instructions for ordering are on a flyer that is enclosed with this Journal.

We have also been very active with lots of fund raising activities. We sold books and sarsaparilla at the Stonewall Jackson Jubilee during Labor Day weekend and made several hundred dollars which will certainly help with our bills this winter. Also, by the time you receive this Journal we will have served our Annual Roast Beef dinner, which is scheduled for October 12. We also plan to have an old-fashioned apple butter stirring the latter part of October. If anyone would like to help out, let us know!

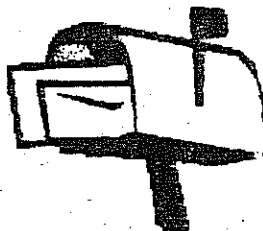
Dues are also due for 2009. Our membership year is from October 1, 2008, through September 30, 2009. If you haven't yet renewed your membership, a form is enclosed which may be used to do so. The form now has a check-off section which gives you the opportunity to make a donation to the General Fund, the Building/Maintenance Fund or the Cemetery Fund. Two projects are in need of your support. The outside of our building is in immediate need of either paint or siding. We are currently obtaining estimates and will soon be making a decision. Also, we provide the maintenance for three cemeteries and our fund for mowing has been depleted. We need to replenish those funds before mowing time next spring.

If we can be of assistance to you in your research, please contact us at hcpd@hackerscreek.com.

Betty Ann

From

the **MAILBOX**



Some might be interested in the exchange between HCPD's editor and Sue **DOBSON**. Joy and others who were out touring on Hacker's Creek during the Annual Gathering when they met Sue and her cousin.

From: susando@centurytel.net
To: joy@hackerscreek.com"
Sent: Fri, 08 Aug 2008 15:56:26 -0400
Subject: **DOBSON's** in West Virginia

Hi,

My cousin and I met you this morning at the Harmony Church in Jane Lew. We found the cemetery there quite nice. We finally found the Jesse Run Cemetery as well and were able to get what information we needed there as well. I thought both cemeteries were very well kept.

As we mentioned this morning our **DOBSONs** ended up in Iowa in the early 1850's and settled in Tama and Marshall Counties. Our 2nd great grandfather Henry Lawson **DOBSON** donated the land there for the **DOBSON** Cemetery where he, his father and many other **DOBSON** ancestors are buried - including our grandparents.

I would love to hear what you know about the **DOBSONs** and if you know anything at all about the **LAWSONs**. Elizabeth **LAWSON** married Stephen **DOBSON** in WV.

Thanks!
Sue **DOBSON**

.....
Quoting Joy Stalnaker <joy1941@frontiernet.net>:

Hi Sue - Sorry for the delay in my response. I've had a busy couple of weeks.

Attached is what I have on the **DOBSONs** in my computer database. . . George W. **DOBSON** married Katy **WAGGONER**. . . that's part of the reason I have them. I remember, also, that there was some connection between them in Madison County, IN, and some of my Hacker relatives who were also from Lewis County. I need to look further but haven't had the time. I'll try to get to it.

JOY

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Sue's response:

Joy,

I was really impressed with the library at Hacker's Creek. We had planned 3 days in that area because we thought we would have to scour many, many books, microfilms, etc. to find the information we were looking for on our **DOBSONs**. Because you have things so well-organized there, we were able to find what we were looking for and visit the cemeteries in about a day! I'm sure we only probably scratched the surface with the information we got compared to what you probably have on our **DOBSONs**. Kudos to you and your staff there.

You've done an **AWESOME** job!

Please tell me about the annual gathering you have. You all seemed like you were having a wonderful time!

Sue **DOBSON**

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2008

Mary **CREAMER**, President, of the Hackers Creek Pioneer Descendants, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am, and presided over the 27th annual meeting, which was held at the Library on August 09, 2008.

Mary welcomed members attending from various states.

Audrey **BRENNEMAN** read minutes of the August 11, 2007 meeting, which were approved without change.

Financial Report.

Betty Ann explained the financial report. Barbara **EDKIN** questioned our "Inflow" versus our "Outflow". Our net profit was \$ 2,111.67. Profit to date on the "Central West Virginia Veterans Book is \$ 3,387. Lord Abbott balance currently is \$ 45,000. Checking account balance is \$8,000.

Mr. **GAMBLE** questioned how we were investing in the Lord Abbott fund.

Betty Ann indicated we earn about \$ 230 per month. Mary **CREAMER** commented that we have an endowment committee who monitors the account for us.

Eva **NEWLON** indicated we have a memorial fund in her sister, Jerry **GAINER**, honor.

Director's Report.

Betty Ann indicated we have logged 1,460 visitors to the Library, and indicated everyone does not sign our guest book. We have had lots of visitors from Iowa and Idaho.

Mr. **GAMBLE** indicated we need to provide a map of nearby eateries and motels on our website. Betty Ann indicated we have partnered with the Convention Center and Visitors Bureau to provide a one time 10% discount from our bookstore. We now have approximately 30 consigners whose books we are selling through our bookstore.

Death Records.

Betty Ann explained the process of transcribing the books, i.e, creating the form, transcribing each entry by hand, then, putting the data into the computer. Some of the volunteers have been Eva **NEWLON**, Mary **CREAMER**, Evelyn **ROGERS** and Ralph **HINZMAN**. We hope to get the surname list onto our website in the future. We are also working on volumes 9, 10 and 11. Mary is proofing Volume 10, May **WHITE** and Barbara **PALMER** is transcribing Volume 11; Evelyn is entering data. Question was asked about obtaining software to scan forms into database, but that is very expensive.

We have need for Cemetery Fund donations. We are at our third mowing now, and our fund is down to \$ 200. We currently pay \$ 250 for each mowing. We need to update our membership to accommodate a "donation" box. A check-off box could be added for General Donation, Building Fund/Maintenance Donation or Cemetery Donation.

Jubilee.

We are getting ready for the selling of our Sarsaparilla. Melvin and Wanda found a store near them in Ohio and have transported twice. They have saved us \$ 3.00 per case. We have 12 authors to do book signings. For this years event we have been able to negotiate with the Jubilee and have reduced our commission rate from 15 percent to 10 percent.

Library Report.

Irma has missing books, and missing pages from books. We had three Hacker Books missing, but later found this misfiled. Barbara **EDKIN** suggested we "color code" our books for easier filing.

Audit Report.

Cary commended Betty Ann and Jill for an "excellent job" in their neat and orderly record keeping.

Old Business.

None.

Election of Board Members.

Patricia **VIELLENAVE** presented the board members for the coming year.

President - Mary **CREAMER** was re-nominated and selected.

Vice President - Irma **CURTIS** selected - vice Eva **NEWLON**

Secretary - Eva **NEWLON** - vice Audrey **BRENNEMAN**

Treasurer - Cary **WILLIAMS** re-nominated and selected.

Board Members nominated and selected were Donna **WILLIAMS**, Bertha **ALLMAN**, and Randall **NICHOLSON**

Librarian - Audrey **BRENNEMAN** - replacing Irma **CURTIS**, who has served in this position for 26 years.

2008-2009 Proposed Budget. Explained by Betty Ann. Barbara **EDKIN** proposed we accept the budget and Melvin **TOLLEY** seconded. Budget pproved.

NOTE/COMMENT: Our "Lifetime Members" do NOT received correspondence about our need for donations. It was suggested we send them letter asking for their support.

Audrey **BRENNEMAN**, Secretary

BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009

This budget was approved as the working budget at HCPD's Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 9, 2008.

INCOME		EXPENSES:	
Donations-Cemetery	1000	Internet access/w website:	800
Donations-General	4000	Cemetery Maintenance	750
Donations-Copies	1800	Salaries and PR taxes-Office Help	23000
Building Fund Donations	1000	Contract employees	3300
Endowment Income	1200	Building:	
Program Revenues (Seminars, etc)	3200	Repairs/Maintenance	500
Dues and Online Fees	20500	Insurance	2700
Interest	120	Heat	5000
Grants	1500	Electric	2000
Special Event Income(Including	8000	Water	300
DAR, Lions, Dinners,		Phone	1400
Sassaparilla -Jubilee	4800	Trash	300
Yard Sales, e-bay etc.		Pest Control	338
Raffles, and similar events		Journals	2800
Sale of Publications & Merchandise	28000	Postage	2800
Miscellaneous Income	3000	Service Fees - Credit Card Acceptance	1000
TOTAL INCOME	75820	Interest (Paid out)	
		Copier Maintenance	2500
		Computer Maintenance/Programs	500
		Equipment Repair	350
		Office Supplies	1500
		Other Supplies	200
		Licenses	40
		Property Tax	
		Advertising	75
		Program Expenses	1800
		Special Event Expenses	4500
		Cost of all goods sold	15000
		Debt Retirement/Building Loan	
		Library Acquisitions	1400
		To Savings or Debt retirement	1488
		TOTAL EXPENSES	75820

Travel Tips for Visiting Lewis & Upshur Counties

By Christina SMITH MELNARIK

Earlier this year, I asked fellow HCPD folks for recommendations on where to stay and what to do during a visit to Lewis and Upshur Counties. Lots of folks wrote me with their ideas. With their help, I had a wonderful, productive visit. I only wish I could have stayed for months! Hopefully, the information below will help you plan a successful and fun trip as well.

Area Overview

First of all, let me give you an idea of where everything is. Most important, of course, is our own Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendents Library which is located in Horner, between Weston and Buckhannon, just off Route 33, and about 7 miles east of Weston and 10 miles west of Buckhannon. These two towns lie about 17 miles apart with Weston to the west and are linked by Route 33 – a nice, wide multi-lane highway that is easy to navigate.

The Lewis County Courthouse is in Weston, WV – a large town with lots of accommodations, stores, and services. There is parking on the streets around the courthouse and you should be able to find a spot if you get there early.

The Upshur County courthouse is in Buckhannon – smaller than Weston, with most services away from the city center. Parking is rather tight around the Upshur County courthouse.

I decided to stay in Buckhannon and drive to Horner and Weston and had absolutely no problem with navigating. Realize, however, that as you explore further away from the main highway, the smaller roads can be quite steep and difficult to navigate. I was lucky to meet up with some distant cousins and they drove me around to the family land and graveyards. I'm pretty good with maps and navigation, but I was relieved to have a knowledgeable guide (and driver) to take me around!

Visiting the Courthouses

The clerks in the Upshur County records room are very helpful and accommodating. When you find a record you want to copy, you give the book to the clerks and they'll do all the copying. If you return the book to its proper spot of the shelf, they'll appreciate it. The Upshur courthouse is very good to work at and the office even has copies of published deed indexes to help you quickly find records of interest.

Unfortunately, the Lewis County clerks are notoriously mmm... grumpy? However, the records rooms are full of folks who work for oil & gas companies. While these folks are busy working, they will often help you find certain records or recommend which clerk you might approach with a particular question. In Lewis County, you are responsible for all the copying and book hauling.

Be sure you figure out before you go what records you are seeking and where they are. The HCPD library is the official repository for many old Lewis County Courthouse records. It is much more pleasant to view the original deed books in the quiet and space of the HCPD library with its cheerful and helpful staff. HCPD also has an extensive library of vital records, land records, county histories, and family histories from surrounding counties.

I don't know much about restaurants in the courthouse vicinity. I had so little time during my visit that I threw a couple of food bars in my briefcase and munched on them when my tummy rumbled. There are no restaurants in walking distance to the HCPD Library (but you can buy cold Sarsaparillas to tide you over!).

Restaurants

Six restaurants, including McDonald's and Burger King, are located 2 ½ miles west of the HCPD Library at the junction of US 33 and I-79. The others are a steak house, a pizza/spaghetti house, a Chinese restaurant, and small restaurant at Kroger.

Accommodations

Here are some ideas for places to stay – along with comments by HCPD members.

Buckhannon:

- Hampton Inn: 1 Commerce Boulevard Buckhannon; 304-473-0900; www.hamptoninn.com. New, indoor pool and huge continental breakfast. \$\$
- Colonial Hotel-Motel: 24 N. Kanawha St, Buckhannon; 304-472-3000; www.colonialinn.org. Family owned. Older accommodations. Just a block from Upshur Co Courthouse and solves your courthouse parking problem! See. \$

Weston:

- Comfort Inn in Weston: 2906 US Highway 33 East, Weston; 304-269-7000; www.comfortinn.com. Outdoor pool, small continental breakfast. Ask for their king-size room with king-size bed, sofa bed, microwave/mini fridge. \$\$

Other:

- **Hillbilly Haven:** 235 Haven Lane, Roanoke; 304-269-3459; www.hillbillyhavenwv.com. Friendly owners, fully-equipped cabins, a small playground, and a stocked pond for fishing. One member especially likes cabins #3 and #5. Just off the Roanoke exit south of Weston. \$\$
- **Stonewall Jackson Lake Lodge:** 940 Resort Drive, Roanoke; 304-269-7400; www.stonewallresort.com. A very nice, full-service resort - spa, golf course, luxury accommodations. \$\$\$\$

Sights and Activities

When your brain is mush and you can't look at one more courthouse book, take a drive to one of these recommended attractions:

- **Appalachian Glass:** 499 U.S. Highway 33 E, Weston; 1-304-269-1030. Specializing in mouth-blown "old world" apples and ornaments, they produce a multitude of unique crystal creations in their studio. Their artisans masterfully blend traditional glass making methods with the best of modern techniques. The studio is open and free to the public. Their gift shop features many WV items including: mouth-blown glass, stained glass, toys, candles, pottery, quilts, paintings, woodcrafts, leather crafts, fresh honey and other baking products, WV dressings and sauces, candy, WV books and much more. Hours of operation: Mon. to Sat - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Watters SMITH Memorial State Park:** Lost Creek; 304-745-3081; www.watterssmithsstatepark.com. The heritage of early West Virginia is preserved in the pioneer homestead restoration at this park. Guided tours offered during the summer, swimming, picnicking, and hiking trails.
- **West Virginia Wildlife Center:** French Creek; 12 miles south of Buckhannon 304-924-6211; www.wvdnr.gov/Wildlife/WildlifeCenter.shtml. Self-guided walking along paved paths on rolling terrain past fenced in pens/lots featuring West Virginia native animals.
- **Upshur County Historical Society & Museum** - 81 W. Main St., Buckhannon www.upshurcountyhistoricalsociety.com. Small museum open during the summer. Document repository at 29 West Main Street.

Hopefully, these tips will help you plan a fun and productive visit. Be assured that wherever you stay and what ever you do, it won't be enough and you'll have to plan another trip!

The Golden Rule And The Gathering

by Barbara EDKIN

Editor's Note: *Barbara submitted this before our gathering in August but that issue of the Journal had already gone to press. Her thoughts are still good though - - - we have the next Gathering coming up next August.*

Most of us know the Golden Rule "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you". The modern version is "what goes around comes around". We have been instructed in this "law" since childhood.

As genealogists/family historians, we use the results of others following this law almost every day.

As a HCPD member from out of state, I have found a way to "do unto others", and hope my challenge will be taken by others of you and adjusted to fit your own personal situation. I wanted to "give back" to HCPD, since I have "taken from" so much, but I didn't know what I could do from California. So, for the last two years, I have stayed for a while after the Gathering (you could come early), and devote one full day to doing something for the group. The first year I typed obituaries for future filming. In 2006 I did computer input from a hand-written index. After talking to Betty and Joy, I am arranging to have them ship me some typed indexes that they want put into a computer data base. At this year's Gathering I will again devote a "Day to Give Back".

As my abilities and preferences were unknown to Betty and Joy, they gave me "no fail" work to do. That is fine with me, as it all needs to be done (but, frankly, I would have flunked Kindergarten if they had graded my cutting and pasting). As they have learned more about my reliability and my abilities, they can spot a job to be done that fits me.

What I would like to challenge those of you who don't have easy access to HCPD to do, is to either offer up a day at the library, or a way to do things from your home. Contact Betty with what you consider your skills and how much time (and if at the library or from home) you plan to "donate". Maybe you are GREAT at cutting and pasting, or fast and accurate at data entry, or can verify the card file from an area, or do some filing, or itemize a collection. All these, plus others, are on the "wish to do" list for the society. If they know you are coming, and know what you can do, they will have a job set up for you to do.

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Head of Five Living Generations Marks Her Eighty-Fifth Birthday

**Mrs. Cecelia Bonnet 'Mothers' Stone Coal
Community for 50 years**

By Gilbert J. HERSHMAN

Submitted by Nancy JACKSON

Weston Dec. 11- One of the Stone Coal community's best known residents, a woman who in addition to rearing a family of sixteen children, mothered the entire community for a half century is observing her eighty-fifth birthday today. She is Mrs. Cecelia B. BONNETT, familiarly known to hundreds as "Aunt Cecelia" who for nearly sixty years has resided at what is known as the BUSH home on Stone Coal, near Gaston on the Buckhannon road.

Her younger daughter, Mrs. Lane LEWIS, who resides at the old home with her, held open house yesterday with a birthday celebration for her mother. Relatives, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, along with many friends and neighbors, called to wish her well and many more birthdays. There is every indication that she will enjoy many more anniversaries for she is in excellent health. She sleeps well and eats well, says she has none of the aches and pains which afflict most older persons.

She reared eleven of her own children. Ten years after the death of her first husband, she married again. Her second husband had nine children and five of them came to live at the home on Stone Coal. She brought them up along with her own children until they married and went out into the world.

MOTHERS COMMUNITY

In addition to the huge family, "Aunt Cella mothered the entire community." When sickness came to a home in that neighborhood, she was among the first to bring help. When a child was born, she was generally present to aid the family. When death came, her vast store of sympathy and kindness was most apparent.

Distance meant nothing to her. She would ride miles through the mud on horseback and cross swollen streams in summer or in dead of winter, day or night, to help some one in need..

Authors of romantic novels have missed a great plot in Aunt Cecelia's busy life.

She was born December 11, 1854 on Stone Coal, a daughter of Jacob J. and Parmelia **WATSON JACKSON**. Her father was a member of the pioneer **JACKSON** family which included early community settlers and the celebrated "Stonewall" **JACKSON**.

She was married only when she was 16. Jacob H. **BUSH** accompanied her home from church and her mother punished her for it. This was too much and the young people promptly eloped. With R.E. **BUSH** and Clark **JACKSON** she and J.H. **BUSH** rode horseback to Clarksburg where they took a train for Marietta, O. This was her first train ride and ended in her marriage.

They went to live with his parents at the **BUSH** home where she now resides. They spent twenty three happy years together. Mr. **BUSH** dying rather suddenly December 17, 1893. Eleven children were born to them. She was left with ten at home, the eldest daughter having married. The youngest, now Mrs. Lane **LEWIS**, was but eighteen months old when her father died. Aunt Celia kept all her children with her until they married. One of her daughter, Mrs. Ellis L. **SMITH**, now resides on the site where she was born, at McGuire Park on Rout 33.

Ten years after her first husband's death, "Aunt Celia" married Henry **BONNETT**, of Berlin.

WHAT A REUNION!

What a family reunion she could have, with the many living children. Only one of her ten is dead, Roal P. **BUSH**, killed in a road accident a few years ago in Ohio. And there are thirty-three grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Most of her own children reside in Lewis county. Gay **BUSH**, who married C.A. **CLARK**, of Skin creek, has seven children; Iza, wife of John A. **SWISHER**, of Berlin, two children; Vinnie, wife of Charles **SWISHER**, of route 3, two children; Maude, wife of Ellis L. **SMITH**, one daughter; Addie **BUSH**, who married O.T. **SMITH**, of Ben's Run, five children; W. Scott **BUSH** of Tulsa, Okla.; Roal P. **BUSH**, deceased, one child; Ward **BUSH**, route 3, one daughter; Kate, wife of Arthur **HUFF**; Lane, wife of Urban **LEWIS** of route 3, two children.

The **BONNETT** children included Clyde, of Akron, O.; Earl, deceased; Carl, Vasco and Swisher L. **BONNETT**, all of Baltimore, Md; Claude of New York city; Roy, of Moundsville, and Aura and Glenn, both deceased. Glenn died in Texas when Mrs. **BONNETT** and her husband were visiting there. The body was brought back to Berlin for burial.

She has one brother living, George W. **JACKSON**, 89 of Ripley, and one half-sister, Mrs. R.V. (Victoria) **ROHRBOUGH**, of Magnolia avenue, Clarksburg. Her father, Jacob J. **JACKSON** was twice married. She was a daughter of the second union which produced four children. After her father's death, her mother later married Jacob J. **HUDSON**. To this union were born

three children, one of whom is living. Source: zeroxed copy of the article from the *Exponent Telegram* Clarksburg, WV; Monday Evening, December 11, 1939 found in the Louis BUSH Collection in the WV Collection at WVU Library, Morgantown, WV.

Note: included in the article is a picture of five generations. The compiler of this genealogy remembers visiting her great "Aunt Celia". Also my Aunt Ethel (STALNAKER) SWISHER said the BUSH home was the gathering place for the young people where they had lawn parties. It was at this home that Aunt Ethel said my father and mother met. My mother and Aunt Cecelia's daughter Lane were good friends. Lane gave me a picture of my grandfather George W. JACKSON with his sister Cecelia when they were older as well as a punch art quilt that my grandfather made along with his punch art tools.



There are five generations in the picture of folk at Stone Coal Lewis County. Holding the baby, Patricia MACE is the child's great-great-grandmother, Mrs. Cecelia BUSH BONNETT, with the great-grandmother, Mrs. Charles CLARK, at her side; in the back row are the baby's mother, Mrs. Goldie MACE, and the grandmother, Mrs. John R. CORATHERS. (Photo given to Nancy JACKSON, Ph.D, by Dr. Patricia MACE LEONARD)

Living with Loss

Andrew JACKSON SMITH

5 April 1842 to 10 September 1927

by Linn Baiker

My great-grandfather on my mother's side suffered many losses in his life. He outlived two wives and four of his eight children. Only one of his siblings survived him. Andrew Jackson **SMITH** was the tenth child and seventh son of Watters **SMITH** II and Ruanna **WEST**, first cousins once removed, and grandson of first cousins, Watters **SMITH** I and Elizabeth **DAVISON**. He was born 5 April 1842, on Duck Creek, Harrison County, Virginia, now West Virginia. Five of his thirteen siblings had died by the time he was born; two more were dead before he had reached the age of eight.

Andrew's ancestors, the **SMITHS**, **GASTONS**, **DAVISONs**, and **WESTs**, were among the earliest settlers of the Duck Creek area, having arrived shortly before 1800. The **SMITHS**, **GASTONS** and **DAVISONs** were from New Jersey and had traveled as a group to Duck Creek after staying a while in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. They were joined soon after by brothers Nathan and Job **WEST** of Maryland who had moved with their extended family to Fayette County in 1795.

Andrew and most of his extended family were Southern sympathizers during the Civil War and Andrew, being of fighting age, threw his fate with the South. *19th and 20th Virginia Cavalry* by Richard L. Armstrong lists these men as enlisting 10 May 1863, at Bulltown, West Virginia: Davisson **GASTON**, James W. **GASTON**, William M. **WEST**, William O. **WEST** and Andrew J. **SMITH**, all in the 20th Cavalry. For most of his enlistment Andrew was a private, but eventually became a Sergeant in Company E. He was paroled at Staunton, VA, May 19, 1865, after swearing not to take up arms against the United States or to oppose the Government and to conduct himself as a peaceable citizen. His parole records describe him as age twenty-three, six feet tall, fair complexion, with light hair and blue eyes. After the war his post address was Jane Lew, WV. His cousins William Oscar **WEST** and William Marshall **WEST** were taken prisoners by the 8th Ohio Cavalry and were sent to Camp Chase, Ohio, where William Oscar died of typhoid fever. His father, a non-combatant, had also been imprisoned in Camp Chase where he became critically ill. Due to efforts of his Union neighbors, he was released and eventually recovered.

Although Andrew's address was Jane Lew, Lewis County, it appears from the 1870 through 1920 census records that he actually lived in the Grant

District of Harrison County. His will stated that he was a resident of Jane Lew, Harrison County, West Virginia. I have learned that many of my relatives with an address of Jane Lew actually lived in Harrison County, Jane Lew apparently being the closest town.

On 27 December 1866, when he was twenty-four, Andrew married eighteen-year old Celia WOLFE, in Harrison County. Celia, the daughter of Perry Huffman WOLFE and Elizabeth Ann BASSELL, was born in Harrison County. Available documentation gives her birth date as May 3, 1848, but her death record indicates a birth date almost six weeks later. Celia bore five sons in seven years and died of consumption (tuberculosis) on 22 or 23 May 1876 at the age of twenty-seven years, eleven months and five days. In the one picture I have of her, she has a broad face with prominent cheekbones and a high forehead and is holding a small baby.

Eighteen months after Celia's death, on 22 November 1877, Andrew took Lucinda KEMPER as his second wife. Lucinda was born August 1849, in Fauquier County, Virginia. In April 1879, Andrew's first-born son, Porter, died from diphtheria at the age of eleven. This sadness was tempered somewhat when two months later, Ella Electa, Andrew's and Lucinda's first child, and Andrew's only daughter, was born. Andrew and Lucinda had two more children, Arnett, born in 1883 and John D. (probably DAVISSON - listed as Davis on death register) born in 1885.

For the next twenty years, life seemed rather predicable and mundane for Andrew and his family. Census records indicate that he spent all of his life farming in the Grant District of Harrison County. In 1870 his real estate was valued at \$2740 and his personal estate at \$666. The 1900 census indicates that he could read and write. It appears strange that while he was literate and his son Gerald was listed as a teacher, that four other sons still at home were noted as not being able to read.

This seemingly ordinary life came to a tragic end on Christmas Eve, 1901, when 18-year old Arnett, was accidentally shot. Less than four months later, Arnett's half-brother Claude was found dead in bed. He was just thirty-one years old. Because I cannot find a death record, I have often speculated about his death. Why did he die at such a young age? Might he have been involved in the "accidental shooting" of his half brother, Arnett?

Andrew's second oldest son and my grandfather, William Wirt, known as Wirt, was born 25 April 1869. In the 1900 Lewis County, West Virginia census, he was thirty-one years old, a stock driver, and was boarding at the home of my great-grandfather, John Howard NEELY, known as Howard. Living with Howard was his 19-year old daughter, Bertie. A romance developed and Wirt and Bertie were married in April 1903. The 1910 census of Lewis County indicates that William was fairly successful. He was a dealer in the lumber business, owned his own farm and had three daughters, ages 6, 4 and almost 2. Tragedy would strike Andrew's family again when William died 9

November 1916 of typhoid fever, leaving my grandmother a 34-year old widow with three daughters.

In 1920, Andrew at age 78, was where he had always been with his wife Lucinda, age 64, and their son John D. and John's wife Hannah. Lucinda died in April of the next year. Andrew died of heart failure on 10 September 1927 in the county where he had always lived, age 85, 5 months and 5 days. The only brother to survive him was Edward Newton who died in 1936.

Timeline:

- 5 April 1842 - Andrew Jackson **SMITH** born in Harrison County, WV
- 10 May 1863 - enlisted in 20th Virginia Cavalry
- 19 May 1865 - paroled at Staunton, VA
- 27 December 1866 - married Celia **WOLFE**
- 14 October 1867 to 24 October 1874 - sons Porter, William Wirt, Claude, Gerald Newton and Egbert Bassell born
- 23 May 1876 - first wife Celia died of consumption, age 28
- abt 1877 - married Lucinda **KEMPER**
- 9 April 1879 - oldest son Porter died of diptheria, age 11
- 24 Jun 1879 - only daughter Ella Electa born
- 19 February 1880 - father, Waters **SMITH** II died, age 75
- 15 May 1883 and 6 October 1885 - sons Arnett and John D. born
- 4 December 1900 - mother, Ruanna **WEST** died, age 84
- 24 December 1901 - son Arnett died, age 18, of accidental gunshot.
- 14 April 1902 - son Claude, 31, found dead in bed
- 5 May 1905 - sister Elizabeth died, age 65
- May 1916 - brother William died, age 80
- 9 November 1916 - son William Wirt died of typhoid fever, age 36
- 13 April 1921 - second wife Lucinda died, age 71
- 20 Jan 1926 - sister Eliza died of cancer, almost 82
- 10 September 1927 - Andrew died of heart failure, age 85

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I guess I want to leave you with some questions. How much family information you would have if no one had indexed, or catalogued, or filed everything from pictures to cemetery readings? How have you paid those many wonderful people back? What are you doing to support HCPD (besides paying your dues)?

Hope to see you working alongside me at the Gathering.



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A LINGER GENEALOGY

Editor's Note: Every now and then I stumble across something on my computer that should have been used in an earlier Journal. This is the case with this story. It was typed and submitted by the late Rosie SHEETS just before her passing. It is presented here exactly as she typed it. The genealogy was among her late mother's things that she was sorting while fighting her own battle with cancer. Rosie, her smiling face and her helpful hands are missed.

**Edited with punctuation and sentence structure--
spelling remains the same as written.**

(By Ella Linger CLARK)

Nicholas LINGER who was born in Hesse, Germany left his home at the age of 18 years old. He told the Captain of the boat that he was running off from his home and wanted to come to America. So the Captain took him in the ship and hid him among some barrels. He come to America during the Revolutionary War and served in the capacity of a soldier until captured at Trenton New Jersey in 1776. After the war he chose the United States as his future home and married Margaret McNEMAR. They had several children both boys and girls but I don't know how many there was of the family. He like the United States and never at no time wanted to go back to Germany. After his marriage he settled down and was a hatter by trade and made mens hats. I heard that he settled down on Hackers Creek but am not sure.

Uncle William LINGER never saw a train. When he was first married there was no train any closer than Clarksburg at that time. He took down sick and when the train did come to Weston and on throught (sic) to Buckhannon he was not abel (sic) to go to see it and died without ever seeing a train.

One son my Grandfather--Phillip LINGER married Sarah CUTRIGHT from Hinklesville Upshur County. To this union I have a record of six sons and 4 daughters.

(Sons namely)
Isaac LINGER
Oliver LINGER
George LINGER
Grandville LINGER
Phillip Fairburn LINGER

(Daughters)
Polly **LINGER CHIDESTER**
Mary **LINGER HICKS**
Margaret **LINGER HARRIS**
Catherine **LINGER SUMMERS**

My Father Phillip Fairburn **LINGER** was married twice, his first wife Louiza C. **HOLAND**. To this union was born one son and one daughter, Edward Clinton **LINGER** and Cora Alda **LINGER**. For his second marriage he married Susan Elizabeth **CAMPBELL**. To this union 5 boys and 6 girls were born.

(Boys)
Thomas Clinton **LINGER**
Oscar Fairburn **LINGER**
Frank Holand **LINGER**
Harry Grandville **LINGER**
Guy Upton **LINGER**

(Girls)
Carrie Adillia **LINGER SIMONS**
Mary Gertrude **LINGER CLARK**
Ella Mae **LINGER CLARK**
Minnie Ethyl **LINGER KIDD**
Malta Gay **LINGER SMITH**
Madge Elizabeth **LINGER LOUGH**

My mothers parents name was Alexander **CAMPBELL** and Carlinda **McMILLION CAMPBELL**. The **McMILLIONS** came from Scotland. Grandfather **CAMPBELL** was murdered by a Doctor John **GOWARLD**. This Dr. had borred 5 hundred dollars from Grandfather and when the note was due Grandpa went to the Doctors home to collect the money. So the Doctor did not pay it and perhaps they had some words beteen them and the Doctor picked up a club and knocke Grandpa in the back of his head and killed him. So the Dr. took some denamite and blew up one corner of his own home and claimed someone else had done it but when he got down on his death bed some years later he told all about it.

Grandfather **LINGER** was the first person to own a cook stove in this part of the county and people from miles around would come to see the cook stove. A Mr. **LAWSON** saw two tomatoes on the mantel and he took one of them off the matel and asked Grandmother what they was. She said they was tomatoes. Mr. **LAWSON** said they looked good enough to eat and Grandmother said ah they are not fit for a hog to eat.

My Father bought the farm which is now known as the Will LOUGH property off of Wellington CHIDESTER, and at that time Uncle Wellington CHIDSTER lived upon the hill in a two room log house. He taught school in a log school house with seats made of split logs on pegs for seats and greased paper for window lights. The school house had a large open fire place to burn wood for heat. The boys would take turn about cutting wood. The school house was upon the hill just where the gas well is now. For water they would carry it in a wooden bucket from a spring and all would drink from a gourd dipper. They did not know what a BELL was and the teacher would pound on the wall and tell them it was dinner time. There was paths through the woods and on one morning the boys and girls were coming to school and a big bear got after them. So one of the girls was wearing a red shall. She would take off her red shall and wave it at the bear and kept it scared back until they got to the school house.

Uncle Wellington CHIDESTER had a spring which was not so close the home so he and two oldest sons decided to dig a water well which they walled up with rough rocks they struck a good vein of water. So they used a wooden bucket which had a grape vine tied to it to draw the water up. His yard just had a brush fence around it.

My father was living in Pleasant County with his first wife's parents with the two children Edward Clinton, 5 years old, and Cora Alda, 2 years old. So when he married mother he decided to come back to Lewis County to live. He bought property on BONNETT's Creek and there was no train any nearer than Clarksburg. They moved to Clarksburg by train and hired a man to bring them in a covered wagon driven by oxen to BONNETT's Creek. After they lived there a few years they sold out and bought property in Polk Creek. Later he bought the present farm which was known at the P. F. LINGER Farm now known as the LOUGH Farm.

I have often heard my mother tell about when they first moved to this farm they decided to buy some sheep. Father went over on Wheeler Fork and come back without any sheep. Mother asked him if he bought any sheep. He said no, but could bought a few head but they wanted too much for them, \$5.00 a head. Mother said no they would go without any sheep if they had to pay such a high price as that for them. In a few days Father went over to Pringle Fork and bought 7 head of sheep for \$2 1/2 a head. People them days did not know the value of anything. Mother sold her cow to a Mr. SWISHER for \$50 and them days that was a good price for a cow.

My father owned and kept a store in Vandalia for 40 years. Eggs sold then for 10 and 12 a doz. Lard 12 cents a lb. Fish sold for 7 and 8 cents a lb. Coffee 15 and 25 cents a lb. Brooms sold for 15 and 25 cents and a 35 cent broom

was an extra good broom. Bleach muslin sold for 10 per yard. Cambrick muslin for 12 cts per yard. Print goods for 10 and 15 per yard. 2 1/2 gal buckets sold for 25 each. My father kept the Post Office in his store for a number of years which Office was called Big Skin Creek.

The village of Vandalia to one time was named Austin and later on changed to Vandalia. Weston at one time as only a village with dirt roads and a few plank side walks and was called by the name Fleshersville and Lewis County was named after a family of Lewis that lived in Fleshersville.

I have been asked by several what LINGER had the largest family. From what I have learned is that Granville and Nancy STALNAKER LINGER had the largest family which was 18 children both boys and girls but I don't know all of their names. My father and mother had 11 children and Dr. Joseph ROACH delivered over half of the babies and only charged \$2 1/2 for each birth and all except Madge when she was born. Dr. ROACH told Dad that he was ashamed to charge such a high price for her birth which was \$5.00 and his trips was by horse back any kind of weather.

I learned a few weeks ago that my Grandfather Phillip LINGER bought property from a Mr. BEECHLER in the year of 1817 and built a large log house on it and this (year 1964) makes the old log house 147 years old. Grandfather's old weight clock still hangs on the wall and run and kept good time for one hundred and thirty some years.

Miss Mollie LINGER and sister Fay LINGER McCUE now live in this old log house. This farm is located above Georgetown. My Niece Beverly Ann MOORE was born on August 8th. A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jackie MOORE of Clarksburg W.Va. which was the birth date of her Great-Great-Grandfather the late Fairburn LINGER. And also Wayne MOORE has a plate that the Grate-Grate-Grandfather ate off of for many years.

McDonald's Impact on Genealogy Library

by Joy L. Gilchrist-STALNAKER

A visit by Ronald McDonald and a store full of white shirt and black tie clad employees kicked off McDonald's Restaurant's 21st anniversary celebration at Market Place Sunday, September 22, 2008. Employees and customers alike appeared to be having a good time as Ronald performed various antics with children and adults alike.

A couple from Queen Creek, Ariz., who had stopped in Weston for the night, commented about the great time they were having. The man said, "We've been in McDonald's all over the country, and we've had the best time tonight that we've ever had. Everyone is so friendly!

"I've lived on Big Macs off and on for years. We would play a gig and then eat at McDonald's."

Expanding on their reason for being at the local restaurant, he continued, "We're both professional musicians. We're on our way to my wife's induction into the Massachusetts Country Music Hall of Fame. She, with her two sisters, used to sing with Gabby Hayes, Tex Ritter, Lash LaRue and the Three Stooges.

"Her sisters are too ill to travel, but we're going."

The woman interjected, "He's the best lead guitar player I know."

Deciding that these two had a story to tell and that it might be interesting to the *Democrat* readers, this reporter asked their names.

"Bill and Evelyn **TENNEY KING**," the wife responded.

"Oh, are you related to the **TENNEYS** around here," the reporter asked. "Are you descended from James and Thankful **SHIPPEE TENNEY** who has so many descendants living in West Virginia? They were from Massachusetts."

On her affirmative reply, the reporter told them to visit the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants Library at Horner the next day.

"Oh, we have plenty of time and we will definitely go there!," B. KING said. "We had no idea that there was family in West Virginia."

The reporter gave them directions and left the rest up to the couple.

A telephone call to the library on Tuesday revealed that the **KINGS** did visit the library.

So, does this mean that Ronald McDonald's picture should be posted on the wall at the library alongside Big Bird and the Cookie Monster left behind when the old Horner School was an educational facility for children? After all, McDonald had something to do with getting the **KINGS** to the library.

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Nehemiah SQUIRES

of

Preston County

His Ancestors & Siblings

By Joy L. GILCHRIST-STALNAKER

NEHEMIAH SQUIRES was b. ca 1769, probably in Shelbourne Parish, Loudoun County, VA; d. 1827; m. Sarah POLAND (POLEN/POLING).

Nehemiah, his brother Reuben, and their sister Elizabeth appear to be the only children of Thomas SQUIRES who migrated to Monongalia County. Reuben settled in present-day Marion County, and Nehemiah in present-day Preston County. The whereabouts of Elizabeth is unknown.

The first SQUIRE(s)/SQUIERs in Preston County were MEEKER and William, sons of Benjamin SQUIER, Westfield, New Jersey. Their signatures are on the petition dated October 1795 which was presented to the Virginia Assembly requesting separation of Preston County from Monongalia County.¹

William and MEEKER lived on Sandy Creek in present Grant District of Preston Co., near the MORTONS and GRIBBLES. (DB OS 4/211) Around 1800 both families departed the county. MEEKER apparently went to the Blue Ball county of Ohio (now Warren and Butler counties), and William went to Fayette Co., PA before joining his brothers in Ohio. The MORTONS appear to be the only ones who remained in Monongalia County.²

Intensive research indicates there was no family connection between MEEKER and William and Nehemiah SQUIRES of Preston County.

MEEKER SQUIRE(s)/SQUIER (24 Nov 1750/NJ-21 Jun 1818/Butler Co., OH) m. Rachel MEEKER (1754-1840), daughter of Stephen MEEKER, 9 Nov 1774/Essex Co., N.J. Eight children: Rebecca m. (1) Thomas MORTON, son of Samuel MORTON of Monongalia (now Preston) Co., VA, and (2) Samuel Sergeant. Anna m. David JOHNSON; William m. Puah OSBORN, daughter of Jonathan H.

¹Original petition on file at Virginia State Library, Richmond, VA.

²LITTELL, John. *Family Records or Genealogies of First Settlers of Passaic Valley (And Vicinity) (N.J.)*. (Genealogical Publishing Co., - Baltimore 1981) pp. 397-399.

OSBORN; John m. Mary **POTTER**, daughter of Russel **POTTER**; Ezekiel, never married; Phebe m. John **SQUIER**; Stephen m. Sarah Bond.³ John **SQUIER** and wife, Mary **POTTER**, are named in the Monongalia estate settlement of Russell **POTTER**, who owned land in the county (OS 6/272).

William **SQUIRE(s)/SQUIER** (15 Apr 1753/NJ - 27 Jun 1832/Butler Co., OH) m. Sarah **CONKLIN** 1 Aug 1775 in Westfield Presbyterian Church, Union Co., NJ. Their children: Caleb m. Elizabeth **WELLS**; Abraham m. Polly **BALL** (daughter of Ezekiel **BALL** of Middletown, NJ); David; Ellis; William; Mary m. John **SHUCKMAN**; Abigail m. Jeremiah **MASTERSON**; Sarah m. Henry **ROW**; Daniel m. Miss **CASE**; and Rebecca.⁴

They had a brother, Ellis **SQUIRE (s)/SQUIER** (17 Sep 1746/NJ - 10 Aug 1824/OH) who married Rebecca **POTTER**, a cousin to Mary, the wife of John **SQUIRE(s)** mentioned above.⁵

There was another William **SQUIRES** in Preston County about the same time that Nehemiah was. Family connections have not been established; however, any connection would not be closer than uncle or cousin, and would not affect the Nehemiah **SQUIRES** family genealogy.

William **SQUIRES** was the son of William **SQUIRES** of Ann Arundel Co., MD; m. Sarah **PARKER** 12 Oct 1782 in Baltimore, and Sarah lived in Fredrick and Allegheny counties, MD, before settling in Fayette Co., PA.⁶ He owned 200 acres on Sandy Creek in Preston County in the 1820's but did not live there. (Tax lists of Preston Co.)

Nehemiah **SQUIRES** was born ca 1769, established by his first appearance on Loudoun County tithables in 1785, in the household of his step-father John **PILES**. Young men were listed on tithables once they reached age 16. He was the son of Thomas **SQUIRES** by his second wife, Nancy Anne (**TOLLE**) **SQUIRES**.

Oren **MORTON** claims that Nehemiah **SQUIRES** came to Preston County from Loudoun County about 1790.⁷ Repeated attempts to find evidence

³Ibid

⁴Ibid

⁵Ibid

⁶**SQUIRES**, William Henry Tappey, ***SQUIRES** Genealogy* in Maryland Hall of Records.

⁷**MORTON**, Oren F., *A History of Preston County, West Virginia*, (The Journal Publishing Co., Kingwood - 1914) p. 396

of this date have been futile; records about Nehemiah in his early manhood years apparently are nonexistent.

Nehemiah married Sarah **POLAND** before April 1793, probably in Loudoun County. No marriage record has been found for them, but the **POLING/POLAND/POLEN** family were neighbors to the **SQUIRES** and **PILES** in Loudoun County.

Information about Sarah **SQUIRES** was found on her death record, which was reported by her son Samuel D. **SQUIRES**. She died 30 Sept 1857, age 93. Her parents were John and Nancy **POLAND**, she was born in New Jersey, and her consort was Nehemiah **SQUIRES**, dec'd. Her birthdate is calculated as Sept 1764.

Sarah's names have created problems for researchers. Wiley's *History of Preston County* (p. 489) has her name as Elizabeth **POLEN**. In **MORTON's History of Preston County** (p. 470) she is called Sarah **POLING**. Her given name may have been Sarah Elizabeth, and her surname **POLAND**, **POLEN**, or **POLING**. Her maiden name was the middle name for her grandson, Samuel P. **SQUIRES**.

Preston County was part of Monongalia County when Nehemiah and Sarah moved there. Monongalia County, formed in 1776 from West Augusta County, intended to be named after the Monongahela River, but was misspelled by a cartographer and became Monongalia instead. It encompassed all of present-day Preston County, most of Tucker County, and parts of Randolph, Barbour, Taylor, Marion and Harrison Counties. It also included a great portion of Greene County, and the southwestern half of Fayette County in Pennsylvania. The county seat had been located in the Pennsylvania portion, but was moved to Morgantown after the boundary dispute between Pennsylvania and Virginia was settled.

In 1782 there were 48 households in the area that is now Preston County, with a population of 250 persons.⁸ When the American Revolution ended in 1783 the state government opened a land office in Morgantown. Settlers began to patent their lands, and to claim additional adjoining lands. Some of the settlers had resided on their land for several years prior to that time. Other people were drawn to the area because of the vast amount of lands available. Elijah **PILES** and Charles **DAWSON** (relatives by marriage to Nehemiah) claimed land at that time Indian invasions continued for the next eleven years in the Monongahela River country; however, new settlers continued to come in from the South branch of the Potomac, the valley of Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. Nehemiah and Sarah **SQUIRES** were among those who migrated from the valley of Virginia during that time, probably in the springtime, the normal time of such migrations.

⁸Ibid., p. 64

Their reasons for making the move probably involved John **PILES** who wanted to be near his family, and to settle on his vast acreage (800 acres) in Monongalia (now Preston) County; as well as the attraction of a new land and the hope for a better life. One West Virginia historian has said "Happy people never migrated. It was only the dissatisfied ones who did."

They had a choice of two routes of travel to Monongalia/Preston County.

The first would have taken them directly north on the Old Carolina Road, to Noland's Ferry where it crossed the Potomac to Braddock's Road (now U.S. Route 40). They would have followed this road to Cumberland. From Cumberland they may have continued on west on the road, or they may have cut southwest and come into what is now Preston County through Terra Alta Gap. If they traveled this road, they probably went first to present-day Marion County where Elijah **PILES** and Charles **DAWSON** lived.

The second route would have been the old Indian trail that is now Virginia State Route 7 from Leesburg, VA to Winchester. They would have gone over the Blue Ridge Mountains and across the northernmost section of the Shenandoah Valley. At Winchester they would have taken what was to become the most important of the early thoroughfares into present-day West Virginia, the Winchester and Clarksburg Road (a part of U.S. Route 50) which was established as a packhorse trail about 1785. It was a direct course from point to point, regardless of the contour of the ground. Around the turn of the century the road was improved to wagon road status. It entered the county at Corinth, crossed the mountains through the Terra Alta Gap, crossed the Cheat at Caddell, traversed the site of Kingwood, skirted the southern brow of Mount Phebe, passed in front of what is now Bethlehem church, and on towards Gladesville. It passed near the **PILES-SQUIRES** property and today is called Dogtown Road. Thus, the second route seems the more likely route of migration for the **SQUIRES**.

Roads were maintained by persons residing in the community. In 1802 Nehemiah **SQUIRES** and his neighbor and friend Daniel **FORTNEY** were recommended as overseers of the roads in their district.

The route that Nehemiah and Sarah traveled from Loudoun County to Monongalia County would have been difficult and hazardous, regardless of which route they chose. They would have carried only the most essential items with them of clothing, some bedding, a small stock of provisions (including salt), an axe, hand and crosscut saws, draw knife, an auger, a gimlet, and probably blacksmith tools. Nehemiah would have had his rifle and hunting knife, while Sarah would have had her cow and perhaps some seeds. Their trip may have been complicated by the presence of small children.

Their household goods were probably packed in a packsaddle made of the crotches of two forked limbs fastened together by two pieces of board padded underneath with sheepskin and lashed to their horse. They would

have been the exception rather than the rule if they had a wagon, because (1) the roads were not good enough for wagon travel, and (2) it's doubtful they owned a wagon. John PILES estate settlement and inventory does not include a wagon, and he was wealthier than his step-son Nehemiah.

On 29 Mar 1805, "Nemiah" SQUIRES was deeded 100 acres of land in line with the Cain survey and the Big Survey by Elisha PILES agreeable "to the sealed obligation of John PILES", his deceased step-father, for \$100. A map, drawn to scale from the deed, and the deed are on the following pages. The land was behind present day Bethlehem Church, and adjacent to Daniel FORTNEY, who had purchased a tract of land from James S. and Susanna (DECKER) WILSON 12 December 1798 (DB OS-1/416).

Tax lists of 1803 through 1828 reveal that other neighbors were Hunter PILES and Amos HAWLEY. Hunter was Nehemiah's step-brother, and had inherited his land from his father John PILES. Amos HAWLEY signed a receipt for a "legacy due Elizabeth SQUIRES" in the John PILES estate settlement, which might indicate that Amos was Elizabeth's husband, and, thus was Nehemiah's brother-in-law. Other neighbors were John FAIRFAX and Jacob ZINN.

It is probable that Nehemiah and Sarah lived on the land before they purchased it, and that they had already claimed the land from virgin forest. They felled the trees on the property to build a cabin, similar to the one that Barton and Emily (SQUIRES) FORTNEY had, pictured in Chapter 11. It would have had a roof of clapboards and weight-poles, a puncheon floor fastened with pegs, and a slab door with wooden hinges.

At one end there probably was a stone chimney with a broad fireplace. On one side of the room a log was left out of the wall for a window, which was filled with either small panes of glass set endwise, or, more likely greased paper. Their cabin may have been the same log house that was on the property in October 1906 when the map in Figure 2-5 (page 28) was drawn.

A stream crossed Nehemiah's land. Its headwater was a spring located on the land later owned by Barton and Emily FORTNEY, which was their water source. The creek was called "SQUIRES Creek" on the first map drawn of Preston County in 1830. A portion of the map is reproduced in Figure 2-4 (page 26).

The creek emptied into Decker's Creek until the 1930's when Arthurdale was settled, at which time it was dammed in Preston Glades and Fairfax Pond was formed.

The land was rolling and tilable. They probably raised corn, flax, and vegetables, along with pigs, sheep and cattle. Eventually they also sowed wheat. The farm was large enough to provide for their family of eight in 1810.

PILES TO SQUIRES DEED

Monongalia County, W. Va., Deeds Vol. 3 and 4 1803-1807, p. 498

This Indenture made this twenty ninth day of March in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and five between Elisha **PILES** one of the heirs and executors of John **PILES** dead of the county of Monongalia of one part and Nemiah **SQUIRES** of the same County of Monongalia of the other part witnesseth that the said Elisha **PILES** agreeable to the sealed obligation of John **PILES** and for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred Dollars paid as this Executor knows agreeable to said obligation lawful money of Virginia the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted bargained sold Alienated En____re____ and confirmed and by these presents do grant bargain sell Ce____En____ confirmed to the said Nemiah **SQUIRES** his heirs and assigns forever all and certain tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in the county of Monongalia aforesaid containing one hundred acres and bounded as followeth to wit Beginning at a white oak in a line of the Big Survey and with the same north two hundred sixty four poles to a Chestnut in Cain line and with this line south twenty eight degrees west one hundred and forty five poles to a then south thirty five degrees west fifty two poles to a white oak Corner to Cain. Said course continued Sixteen poles more then South eighty two degrees west three poles to a Hickory South (Ninety (?) five degrees west two poles to a dogwood South nine degrees west ten poles and thirteen links (links) Then South Seventy four degrees west. East fourteen and threefourths poles to a blackoak due East fourteen poles to a stump in a field South twenty five degrees east Seventy eight poles to a gum in a line of Daniel **FORTNEY's** north Sixty five degrees East thirty nine poles to a white oak his Corner South twenty five degrees east thirteen poles to the beginning. To have and to hold the above described tract or parcel of land with the appurtenances to the Said Nemiah **SQUIRES** his heirs and assigns to the only proper use and belee of the said Nehemiah **SQUIRES** his heirs and assigns forever and the Said Elijah **PILES** for the heirs of John **PILES** deceased and for himself his heirs and assigns do hereby covenant to and with the Said Nehemiah **SQUIRES** his heirs and assigns that he the said Elijah **PILES** the above described tract or parcel of land with its appurtenances to the Said Nehemiah **SQUIRES** his heirs and assigns ____ Shall and will warrant and forever defend against all persons and claims whatsoever. In testimony whereof aforesaid Elijah **PILES** hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year

first above written. Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of
Wm. G. PAYNE, Thomas PAYNE and Samuel PRUNTY

His
Elijah X PILES
Mark

At a Court held for Monongalia County
Apprx Tenth 1805 this deed was produced in Court and acknowledged
by Elijah PILES as a deed to be recorded.

Teste
J. Evans
CM

Nehemiah and Sarah (POLEN) SQUIRES had at least 9 or 10 children.

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|------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| 181. | John SQUIRES | b. ca 1793, |
| | m. Mary FORTNEY | |
| 182. | Thomas SQUIRES | b. ca 1794, |
| | m. Mary FAWCETT | |
| 183. | Samuel Dudley SQUIRES | b. 1797, |
| | m. Elisabeth FORTNEY | |
| 184. | William SQUIRES | b. 1798, |
| | m. Catherine DUDLEY | |
| 185. | Harriet/Nancy SQUIRES | b. 1800-1810 |
| 186. | Elizabeth SQUIRES | b. ca 1804, |
| | m. James Britton | |
| 187. | A male child, possibly named Nehemiah | |
| 188. | A male child, name unknown | |
| 189. | Sarah SQUIRES | b. ca 1815 |

The possibility of a tenth child, actually the first-born, was a daughter named Margaret, m. John FURNASH/FORNASH.

Very little is known about Nehemiah SQUIRES. He appears to have been a hardworking, honest man. He paid his land taxes every year. In 1818 he owned two horses and no slaves and paid a titheable of 35¢. From 1821 through 1827 he paid 18¢ yearly tax on his land which was valued at \$200. Nehemiah drowned in Deckers Creek enroute home from Morgantown⁹ in late 1827 or early 1828. Tax lists show his property belonging to his heirs in 1828, with prior years listed in his name. (Preston County Tax lists)

⁹MORTON, Oren F., *A History of Preston County, West Virginia*, (The Journal Publishing Co., Kingwood - 1914) p. 396

Their son Samuel D. **SQUIRES** moved his wife and children into the family home after Nehemiah drowned. He is shown as head of the household on the 1830 census.

Extant tax lists indicate that Nehemiah's estate was not settled until 1840/41. Samuel and his family continued to live with his mother and sister Sarah through that time; in 1841 Samuel paid the taxes on the land, which was by then in his name. Recorded land deeds were destroyed when the Courthouse burned in 1869.

Tax lists of 1841 and 1842 show the acreage as 79 acres, which is believed to be a transposition of figures. By 1843 the mistake was caught, and the acreage listed as 97 acres. The discrepancy between the 100 acres originally purchased by Nehemiah and the 97 acres is probably a result of the change in some survey lines as survey methods improved and land laws changed.

By 1845 Samuel had moved his family to 131 acres on Mt. Phoebe (map, p. 29), about two miles distant from his mother. Tax lists indicate that Samuel traded land with his brother Thomas because Thomas paid taxes on it between 1838 and 1845. Thomas and his family did not move in with his mother, but continued to live in Kingwood where he had been a blacksmith for many years. His mother Sarah is shown as the head of the household on the 1850 census, blind and living with her daughter Sarah. Daughter Sarah disappears from recorded history after the mother's death in 1857.

In addition to the family home, Thomas owned large amounts of land throughout Valley and Kingwood Districts in Preston County, which are discussed in Chapter 10. However, one other tract of land is important to the homeplace. It may have been part of a larger tract of about 300 acres he acquired about 1840 and gave a portion to his son-in-law and daughter, Barton and Emily (**SQUIRES**) **FORTNEY**. In 1868 or 1869, shortly before his death, Thomas sold or transferred the family homeplace to Thomas Brown; sometime between that time and the re-establishment of court records (after the courthouse burned in 1869) the second tract was sold at either a trust or judicial sale to John S. and Marcellus H. Murdock.

Deed Book 62, page 186 (Preston County) records adjoining land owners as Barton **FORTNEY**, F.B.F. **FAIRFAX**, Thomas **FORTNEY**, Laura M. **JONES**, David L. **KEEFOVER**, and **LOAR** in 1887. (Tax lists 1869-1870 and DB 62/186)

The **MURDOCKS** sold the land to Claude K. and Ellen (**FORTNEY**) **KEEFOVER**, grandson and granddaughter-in-law of Barton and Emily (**SQUIRES**) **FORTNEY**. **KEEFOVERS** raised their family of five children on the old **SQUIRES** homeplace. Their daughter Beatrice (**KEEFOVER**) **TURNER** recalled in 1982 that their home was log underneath. It is possible that it was the Nehemiah **SQUIRES** cabin.

In the early 1900's **KEEFOVER** contracted the coal in the northern half of the property. The map on page 28 was drawn after the contract, and shows boundaries of the homeplace, with few exceptions from the map drawn from the 1805 deed.

The coal was not mined until recent years. Stripping on the farm was finished in 1984, resulting in scarred and barren land. West Virginia laws require that the land be reclaimed.

*AUTHOR'S NOTE: By 29 June 1985 the **SQUIRES** Family Researchers had gathered most of the facts about Nehemiah **SQUIRES**. They knew approximate birth and death dates for Nehemiah and Sarah **SQUIRES**, and for John **PILES**, but didn't know where they were buried. It was considered probable that they were buried in the old **FORTNEY** Cemetery (#9 on map, P. 29), but found no evidence to support it. On Friday 29 June 1985 they learned about another old "**FORTNEY** Cemetery" from a chance meeting with Joe Dixon, step-grandson of Luther Cramer and Merle Chloe (Burke) **FORTNEY** (grandson of Barton and Emily **FORTNEY**). The Cemetery was located on a wooded hillside adjacent to the stripped area that had been Nehemiah's farm. Joe took the researchers to the site. It is calculated that there may be as many as 300 graves in the cemetery, most with sandstone markers, but no engraving.*

*There were four legible markers for **FORTNEY-PILES** family members. It is believed that Daniel & Barbara (Pickenpaugh) **FORTNEY**, Nehemiah & Sarah **SQUIRES**, John **PILES**, and Hunter and Nancy (**FORTNEY**) **PILES** are buried there. Thomas and Mary **SQUIRES** may also be there. The site of this 'abandoned' cemetery is not shown on the state highway map.*

The southern portion of Valley District, parts of Kingwood District, and all of Lyon District in Preston County could be called "**SQUIRES** Territory." That is the area where Nehemiah and Sarah lived; where Thomas, Samuel D., and William **SQUIRES** and their sister Elizabeth (**SQUIRES**) **BRITTON** lived, raised their families and died.

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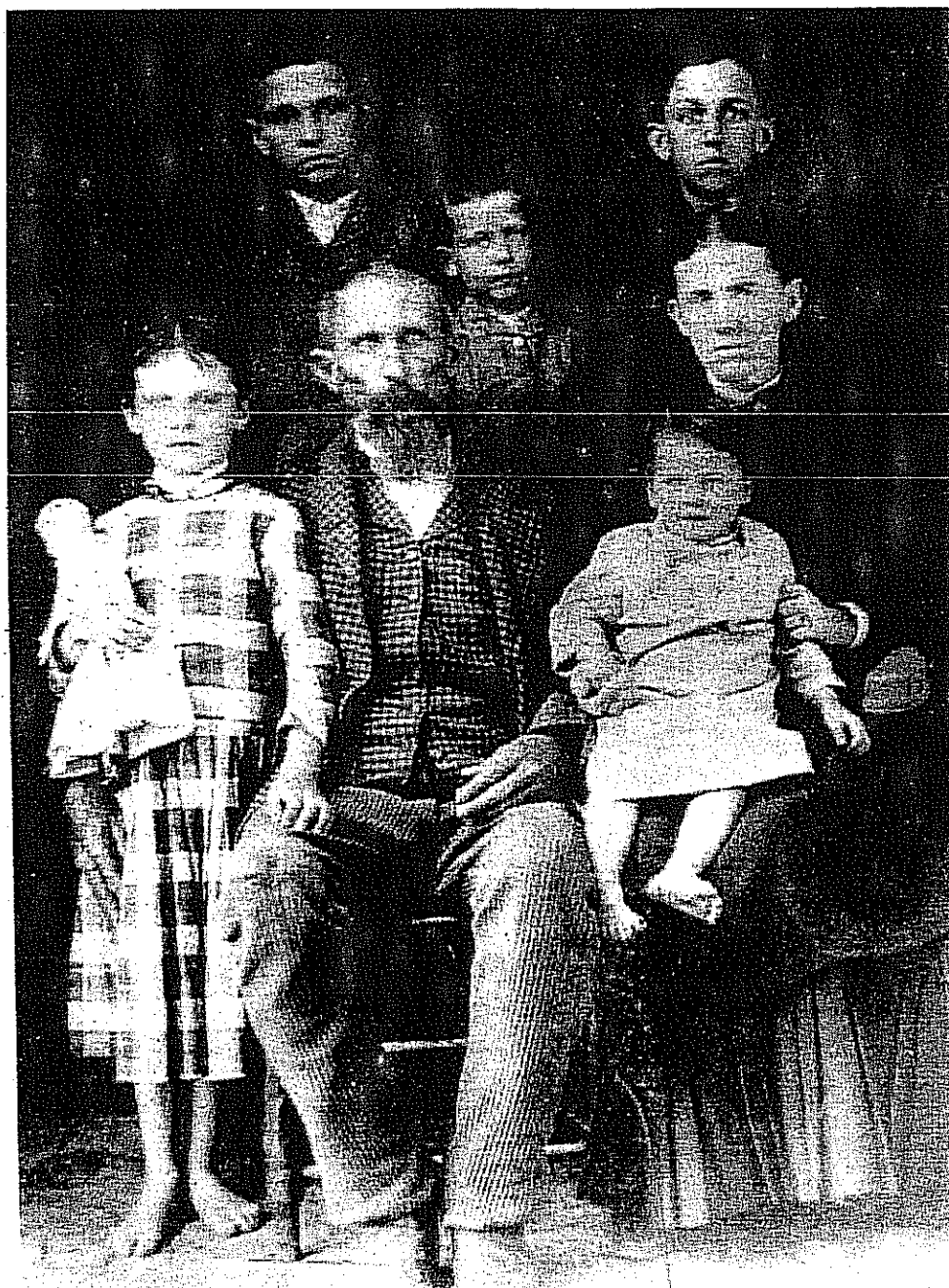
QUERIES ????????????

1. Looking for information on the ancestors of Margaret SIMPSON, born January 1816 in Lewis Co, WV, died 1911, married 18 Feb 1841 to Paulser BUTCHER (1815 - 1882) in Lewis Co, WV. Bob DESSENT, Tallmadge, OH, rwDESSENT@yahoo.com
2. Charles FISHER married Eunice STRATTON d/o Serijah STRATTON and a Catherine ? before 1769. Cannot find the record. Who was Catherine? Charles was the s/o George FISHER who married Elizabeth CONRAD, born 1746, d/o Jacob CONRAD and Frena LAUCK. Charles died ca July 1829 in Lewis Co and is buried in the FISHER cemetery. Does anyone work on this family? Appreciate any help. Bette BUTCHER TOPP - 1304 W. Cliffwood Court, Spokane, WA 99218 [509] 467-2299 toppline@comcast.net
3. Nancy MILLER born in 1824 in Jackson Co., WV was d/o Samuel MILLER and Rebecca CARPENTER. She married Richard W. WINES 24 Nov 1848 in Jackson Co. They lived in Lewis Co. and Spencer, Roane Co. where she died 12 Jul 1890. Richard evidently owned a hotel in Weston for awhile. Have not found any records of it. Do not have Samuel MILLER's parentage. Rebecca, 1 Apr 1739 Braxton Co., was the d/o Jeremiah CARPENTER and Elizabeth MANN. Rebecca died in Roane Co, 31 Oct 1875. Does anyone know where? I would appreciate hearing from anyone who descends from this family. Bette BUTCHER TOPP - 1304 W. Cliffwood Court, Spokane, WA 99218 [509] 467-2299 Toppline@comcast.net
4. William known as Floyd, ARGABRITE was b. 28 Feb 1853 Monroe Co, s/o Isaac and Betsy SWOPE, and m. Elizabeth WINE(S) on 10 Sep 1872. She was the d/o Richard and Nancy MILLER WINE(S), b. in Mar 1851. Elizabeth died on 31 Aug 1880 in Spencer, Roane Co., and is buried in the Old Memorial Cemetery in Spencer. Floyd m/2 to Fairlena LOWE 20 Jun 1881 and they had 8 more children. Esta, Elvira, Wm. Jr., Dora, Cola, Jennie, Rex, and Roxa ARGABRITE. I would like to hear from anyone who is descended or related to any of these later children. Need to know more about this marriage and family. Bette BUTCHER TOPP - 1304 W. Cliffwood Court, Spokane, WA 99218 [509] 467-2299 toppline@comcast.net

5. Seeking residence and death info for Sarah **STEORTS** born Jane Lew, (W)VA about 1828 and her husband James McDonald. Linda **STEORTS KAUFMAN**, LSKwvhomes@aol.com or 110 Ross Street, Bridgeport, WV 26330.
6. Seeking information about William **BELL**, born before about 1780, lived in Braxton County. He was the father of Martha Kirk (or **SIRK**) **BELL** who married Martin **RIFFLE**. Linda **STEORTS KAUFMAN**, LSKwvhomes@aol.com or 110 Ross Street, Bridgeport, WV 26330.
7. Looking for parentage of John B. **GRAY**, born about 1824. Was his wife Rosanna **EWING**? Their daughter Harriet Cathryn **GRAY**, born about 1860, married David Crockett **MULLINS**, Clay County. Linda **STEORTS KAUFMAN**, LSKwvhomes@aol.com or 110 Ross Street, Bridgeport, WV 26330
8. The picture on the next page is an Unknown family, possibly a **FISHER** or **WILLIAMS**. It comes from a family who is related to Phebe Elizabeth **WILLIAMS**, daughter of Benjamin Willard **WILLIAMS** and Emily **GIBSON**. Phebe first had a child with Edward **TONKIN** (aka L.E. **TONKIN**) named Robert Lee **TONKIN**, who married Blanche **MOLLOHAN**. She then married Cornelius **FISHER**, son of George **FISHER** and Mariah **HURLEY**. The children from this marriage were: William Tazewell **FISHER** (m. Estella **BLAKE**), Virginia Alice **FISHER MCCARTNEY** (m. Isaac **MCCARTNEY**) and Amanda **FISHER CONRAD** (m. Watson **CONRAD**). After Cornelius died in 1882, she married (and later divorced) Asbury **BLEIGH**, and had Ballard **BLEIGH** (m. 1-Valley Belle **BLAKE**, 2-Edith **HYRE**), Samuel P. **BLEIGH** (m. Josephine **DILLON**) and Mary **BLEIGH Kniseley** (m. Charles **KNISELEY**). Pictures of anyone listed (including Benjamin Willard **WILLIAMS** and/or Emily **GIBSON** or their parents), information on burial places of Cornelius, George or Maria Hurley **FISHER**, or information on who could be in the picture would be greatly appreciated! Lora and Phyllis **SELLERS**, 988 Imlertown Rd, Bedford, PA 15522, Phone: 814-623-6303 or 814-232-0143 Email: jeffgordonfan24lora@hotmail.com or lora@yellowbananas.com

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 Julia Elizabeth Stalnaker Bragg
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 Francis & Ann Butcher
 Matha Byrd & the late Earl Byrd
 Charles Carder
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 Joyce Chambers
 Rebecca Choco
 Russell & Myrna Clark
 Janet I. Clemmons
 Jerry Coffman
 James & Dorothy Collins
 Okey Paul & Nora Mae Corley
 Pat Crawford & the late Bob
 Crawford
 Ronna Cunningham
 Irma Curtis & the late Carl Curtis
 The late Anna Grace & the late
 Calvin Dehaven
 Gene Edwards
 James & Mary Alice Egan
 Martha Embrey
 Lynn Firebaugh
 Ada Lee Fitz
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 Elizabeth Fury
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 Glenn & Rebecca Gamble
 Joy Gilchrist-Stalnaker &
 the late Charles Gilchrist
 Jane Gilchrist
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 Mearle & Lolita Guthrie
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 Esther DeHaven Schilling
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 Barbara Shaver
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 Dot Sipe
 Louise Slaton
 The late Chester Steyer
 The late Hartzel Strader
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 Raydine Teicheira and the late
 Joe Teicheira
 The late Mrs. Byron J. Turner
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The late Christine White
William I. & Rebecca White
Cary L. & Donna Williams
Eleanore Allman & the late Lee
Wiseman
Ella Virginia Wills
Raymond Wolfe, Jr.
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